

Short Text 2009 Quotations

THE GERANIUM

1. "Chuck that thing out," he said, so she took the geranium and put it in the scrap bucket.
2. "You coming?" "No not today" "You're always sticking home."
3. "Bob does our shopping"
4. "She remembered that tomorrow was the day the woman came with the paper"
5. "Before they came she would put on a cardigan to hide her arm."
6. "She was worried about the geranium and after the women had gone she thought she might get rid of it."
7. "He reached out and gripped her arm, she could feel his fingers bruising her."
8. His grip tightened even more on her arm, and he was beginning to twist"
9. "You better not be lying, that's all."
10. "She pulled the plug and watched the sink emptying, watched the water turning, heard it rushing in the drain."

THE HILLS

1. "I like it when I get to the top of the road and I look out and see the mist down over the hills. It's like a wrapped parcel and you know there's something good inside."
2. "Then something can happen to you that's too much for a boy. You can't be a boy any more afterwards."
3. "Shut your black face, one of them said."
4. "I wouldn't look at the hills... I remember wondering if I would ever look there again."

GOING FOR THE BREAD

1. "They call me names" "Like what?" "Like dirty"
2. "She was scared about going and telling the mother what her kids had done, but she wasn't going to let them get away with it"
3. 'Get off my steps. Don't come here with your filthy daughter and your filthy lies"
4. "the two girls were getting the hiding of their lives"
5. "It seemed to Mereana's mother that the woman was somehow frightened"
6. "One day the war would end"
7. "No-one, ever again, was going to push her children in the gutter"